

STREET CLEANERS FIGHT DISMISSALS

Appeal to Mayor for Men Who
Failed to Work at the Only
Snowstorm.

700 OUT; 500 MORE TO GO

Commissioner Leo Trying to
Elevate the Standard of
Sweeping Service.

Union leaders of the drivers and sweepers of the Street Cleaning Department called yesterday upon Mayor Hylan in protest against the action of John P. Leo, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, in discharging employees who failed to report for duty at the time of the snowstorm of this year. The Mayor arranged for a conference between the committee of the union and Commissioner Leo for this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Mayor also assured the committee that he would be glad to hear their grievances and to cooperate with them, but made it clear that he will back Commissioner Leo to the limit in enforcing discipline. The labor men denied any threat of a strike or expectation of trouble, but said they might appeal to the courts to get the men's jobs back.

The street cleaners' union representatives, who were accompanied by officials of the Central Federated Union, declared that the Commissioner dismissed 300 employees yesterday, making 700 dismissed so far, and that the total number under charges was about 1,200. They contended that the charges were trivial in most instances and that old men were being dismissed to be supplanted by young men.

The Commissioner told newspaper men that 900 men had failed to report at the time of the snowstorm and that a large number had been unable to give satisfactory excuses for their absence.

Commissioner Leo said also that he intends to use this occasion as the starting point for putting the department upon a higher plane of efficiency. He declared that he does not believe in a union in the Street Cleaning Department; that the department is a fighting organization, and must have a good deal of military strictness about its management to be effective in an emergency. With that end in view he will go before the Municipal Civil Service Commission tomorrow and ask for a revision of the rules, so that higher physical and mental qualifications will be required and the scope of the list extended, if possible. More than 1,000 employees of the department are subject to civil service rules now.

150 SHRINERS JOIN BROOKLYN MAN HUNT

Arab Patrol, in Robes, Chases
Alleged Thieves.

Two men were arrested on charges of attempting to steal an automobile from in front of Kismet Temple, Brooklyn, last night, following a chase in which the police were joined by about 150 members of the Arab Patrol of the Mystic Shrine. At the time the chase began the members of the Patrol were garbed for a rehearsal of their annual entertainment and they presented an unusual sight as they sped from the temple on Herkimer street near Nostrand avenue to Fulton street and Nostrand avenue, where the alleged automobile thieves were captured by policemen and detectives.

The prisoners said they were Joseph Reilly of 87 Steuben street, Brooklyn, and William Grogan. Grogan refused to give an address. They were looked up in the Grand avenue station on charges of attempted grand larceny.

PARK VANDALISM IN THE BRONX UNCHECKED

Commissioner Complains of
Few Arrests There.

Unchecked vandalism in Bronx and Van Cortlandt parks has caused Park Commissioner Joseph P. Hennessy to complain to Police Inspector George C. Liebers concerning lack of arrests.

Commissioner Hennessy said yesterday large branches have been broken off trees and other damage done that can only be repaired by several years' growth. He said seven hundred arrests were made one Sunday in Central and Prospect parks, but not a single one he knew of in the Bronx parks.

JUDGE'S CLEMENCY VAIN.

Keeps Cripple Out of Jail and
Wife Puts Him In.

When instead of sentencing Nelson Lobadie, a cripple with one leg, to the workhouse for soliciting alms Magistrate Corrigan sent him to St. Luke's Hospital to be treated for stomach trouble the newspapers carried a short story about it.

Yesterday as Lobadie was leaving St. Luke's after several weeks' treatment he was arrested by Detective Kammerer of the West 125th street police station. According to the detective, the little item about the Magistrate's action reached Saginaw, Mich., where Lobadie had a wife and six children. Mrs. Lobadie swore out a warrant charging him with abandoning them in June, 1920.

DENIAL BY HELEN WARE.

Helen Ware, a professional violinist, living at 338 West Twenty-second street, asks THE NEW YORK HERALD to deny she is the Mrs. Helen Ware in whose flat in Blooming street several Communists were arrested on Friday last. The police made no charge against Mrs. Ware and she was not arrested.

JERSEY IS UPHELD IN SEWERAGE SUIT

Supreme Court Rules That
Pipes Can Be Constructed to
Empty Into New York Bay.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The Supreme Court denied to-day New York's application for an injunction to restrain the State of New Jersey and the Passaic Valley sewerage commissioners from constructing a sewer to empty into New York Bay.

The great problem of sewage disposal on New York Bay would be best settled by cooperation between the neighboring States.

The opinion, rendered "without prejudice" to another suit that may be instituted if the proposed sewer causes conditions dangerous to the health of citizens of New York, stressed the importance of changes made in the plan for the sewer by New Jersey after the intervention of the Government. To these were added, the court said, a stipulation that no conditions would arise to which the War Department could raise objection.

This was "a valid contract," the opinion said, and if carried out would meet the request for injunction untenable.

The sewer would be twenty-six miles long and would pour daily approximately 400,000,000 gallons of refuse into New York Harbor. Much of this sewage is now turned into the Passaic River. The sewer would drain 103 square miles of the Passaic Valley, in which are thirty-seven municipalities and townships.

New York officials contended the sewer would cause the pollution of the

upper bay, injuring the health and property of New York residents. These contentions were denied by the New Jersey authorities, who charged that in instituting the proceedings the New York officials came into court "with unclean hands," because that city's method in disposing of sewage "is the worst possible, so far as its effect on the harbor waters is concerned."

EXPORT FINANCE ACT MADE LESS RIGOROUS

Softened Clause That Requires
Payment Every Two Months.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—An amendment to the Edge export finance act, offered by Senator Edge (N. J.), Republican, was passed to-day by the Senate and sent to the House. Under the amendment, after 25 per cent of the capital of an export finance corporation has been paid in and providing this amounts to \$2,000,000 or more, the remainder of the capital may be paid in on call by the directors, instead of in instalments every two months. The consent of the Federal Reserve Board will be necessary in all such cases.

"In endeavoring to incorporate a corporation now with a capital of \$100,000,000," Senator Edge told the Senate, "it has been found very difficult to obtain subscriptions from associations, farmers, banks or from others because it is every two months following the initial payment of 25 per cent."

"I consider it absolutely essential for this Congress to do something in a practical way to help the present situation as far as it relates to exports."

CARRIER DIES ON MAIL ROUTE.
After twenty years of service as a letter carrier, James Kilpatrick, 64 years old, of West New York, N. J., died of heart trouble on the sixth floor of 8 West Fortieth street, while making his rounds. Kilpatrick was attached to the Times square post office.

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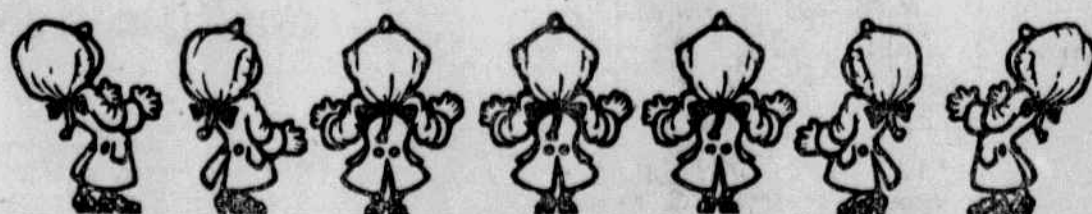
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